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SUBJ: AFRICAN PROFESSOR PROGRAM: DR. ROBERT WREN

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED (AND INCLUDED IN FY'75 CPM) REQUEST FROM JP CLARK, CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, UNILAG, EMTEND FULBRIGHT PROF. ROBERT WRAN'S GRANT THROUGH ACADEMIC YEAR 74-75.

2. UNIVERSITY AGREES PAY SALARY N51,750.00 (EQUIVALENT DOLLARS US 9,360), PROVIDE RETURN TRANSPORT USA AT END OF TOUR, HOUSING AND CAR ALLOWANCE.

EM WREN WILLING AND EAGER REMAIN, BUT CANNOT UNLESS TOPPING OFF MAKES SALARY COMMENSURATE WITH 16,000 DOLS. HE WOULD RECEIVE AT UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON. HE ALSO, AFTER TWO YEARS NIGERIA, WISHES RETURN U.S. PRIOR BEGINING NEW ACADEMIC YEAR AND HAS ASKED US PROVIDE ROUND TRIP JET ECONOMY TICKET FOR VISIT.

4. EMBASSY PLEASED WIH PROPOSAL. WREN HAS ALREADY HAD TWO YEARS AT UNILAG (FIRST ON PRIVATE CONTRACT). DURING THIS PERIOD, HE HAS

NOT ONLY SERVED AS INTERPRETER OF AMERICAN CULTURE AND LITERATURE TO STUDENT AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERS WITH WHOM HE WORKS, BUT HAS

ALSO SERVED AS A CULTURAL COMMUNICATOR WITH NIGERIAN ARTISTS,; MUSCIANS AND INTELLECTUALS. THAT UNILAG HAS REQUESTED HEM A THIRD YEAR IS A CLEAR INDICATION OF HIS EFFECTIVENESS.

5. GIVEN IMPORTANT AND SUCCESSFUL ROLE WREN HAS PLAYED AND CONTINUES PLAY IN VARIED AREAS, AND GIVEN THE FACT THAT EMBASSY SEEKING UNCLASSIFIED

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INCREASE NUMBER AMERICAN PROFESSORS AT NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES, REQUEST

DEPARTMENT FAVORABLY
CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR FY'75 FUNDING.

6. SINCE WREN WOULD LIKE TRAVEL PRIOR BEGINNING ACADEMIC YEAR,
REQUEST GRANT (AUTHORIZING TRAVEL) BE WRITEN AS SOON AFTER 1 JULY
AS POSSIBLE.

7. ADVISE.
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